

BELMONT FREE LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEE MEETING

April 18th, 2024

Present: Caroline Mapes, Molly Pike, Barb Woolston, Pat Presutti, Ash Gardener, Curtis Decker, Nichole Gambino, Annie Tucker

The meeting was called to order at 3:37 PM by President Molly Pike.

Secretary's Report

- Pat made a motion to accept the March minutes. Nichole seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Correspondence
 - Jeff Apple is going to make an additional donation of \$100 and would like to bring residents to take a tour (Molly will pick a time and give the tour).
 - Caroline send acknowledgement/ thank you notes to Stacy Kamrowski and Jeff Apple

Treasurer's Report

- The March report was accepted as read.
- Molly submitted a receipt for keys made for Pat.

Director's Report

- Stats
 - Total Circ.: 286, Computer Users: 1, Holds Sent: 109, Holds Received: 40, Out of System Holds: 0, Patrons Added: 2, Items Added: 19, Discards: 78 (oversized books)
- Trainings
 - Called Lorie from H & R block to receive training on the tax cap.
 - Curtis updated the board about the tax cap and the difference between our budget vote and the school district's budget vote.
- Facebook
 - Upcoming Julie Burdick event has been well advertised through FB and people have reported that they found out about the event through FB.
- Policy Review - Code of Conduct
 - Curtis will edit the proposed policy according to recommendations from the board.
- Grants
 - Brian Edminster from Genesee Valley Central School reached out to Curtis to inform him of a \$4,000 library grant for books, programs, materials and supplies for K-4th.
 - Curtis will send a list of items for purchase to the school and they will order them for the library.
- Updates

- The Genesee Valley Central School Budget Hearing is on Tuesday, May 7th at 5:30 PM in room 1121 at the school. Curtis will attend and board members are welcome to attend.
- The Newbank poll has gotten a lot of interest (7 commented in person and 3 on Facebook)
 - Motion to purchase Newsbank for \$550/yr was made by Caroline, was seconded by Pat and it was passed unanimously. Curtis will update the board about when this will be available to the library after it is purchased.
- Piano poll had 7 votes for interest, but Curtis and the board still had concerns about accepting it. Barb made a motion to not accept the piano, Molly seconded and it was passed unanimously.
- The Buffalo Youth passes for the zoo have not been renewed due to low interest.
- The reading express program has had 3 participants.
- The eclipse event had 17 people attend.
- The Emily Edmund panel had 3 participants.
- The Junior Library Guild Account has been providing selections for the library over the last year. Curtis says they have not been well checked out and wants to know if we should renew another year with this program or try picking out books ourselves. He recommended we take a break. A motion to not renew the account was made by Barb, seconded by Annie and passed unanimously.
- Future Event Planning
 - Curtis would like to lead a multi-week fencing workshop this Summer for tweens and up at the library. Curtis will update us on the availability of equipment when he hears back from Alfred.

Old business

- Updates from Calendar Committee
- Updates from Children's Activity Committee
 - April 29th and May 31st children's events are scheduled for 2 PM.
 - The committee prepared a flyer for the events.
 - Annie (volunteer), Curtis and Sue will be there to work the events.
- Replacing Children's Furniture
 - Still waiting on updates about the price.
- Mascot Status
 - No updates on this yet. Caroline will bring an update to the next meeting.
- Cafe Idea
 - Annie presented some ideas for K-cups and tax exempt items for the cafe cart.
- Updates from Interior Decorating Committee
 - The Interior Decorating Committee will meet and will prepare a proposal for the library board about updates they would like to make to the library's interior.
 - Curtis proposed a new table made from the old clock face.
 - Caroline will talk to teachers at GV about the potential of students making this.
- Genesee Valley Canal Talk

- April 23rd at 6:00 PM.
- Molly will come in and set up chairs.
- Water bottles are needed.
- Chair for Curtis
 - Curtis provided a quote for a new chair: \$299
 - A motion was made by Molly to purchase a new chair for the circulation desk, Barb seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

New Business

- Preservation of Old Dispatch Books
 - Sue and Curtis have raised concerns about the dispatch storage - they are disintegrating.
 - Molly went through a box and it contained a lot of repetitive files.
 - Annie will call the historical society to see if these are digitally archived.
- Inaugural Ladies Auxiliary Artisans and Vendors
 - May 26th 11-3 PM
 - They want us to set up a vendor booth.
 - STLS might have materials that we can use. Curtis will call.
 - A motion was made by Molly to pay the \$25 fee to be vendors at the event, Caroline seconded and it passed unanimously.
- New Board Members
 - Molly advised the board that we are still looking for one more member.
- Microwave
 - Annie proposed a microwave for upstairs and will bring a quote for the next meeting.

Next Meeting - May 16, 2024 at 3:30 PM

President Molly Pike adjourned the meeting at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Mapes, Secretary